

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
prehistoric	archeology-prehistoric	community planning	landscape architecture	religion	
1400–1499	archeology-historic	conservation	law	science	
1500–1599	agriculture	economics	literature	sculpture	
1600–1699	X architecture	education	military	social/	
1700–1799	art	engineering	music	humanitarian	
X 1800–1899	commerce	exploration/settlement	philosophy	theater	
1900–	communications	industry	politics/government	transportation	
		invention		other (specify)	

Specific dates      c. 1885      Builder/Architect      unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The George T. Thompson House is an L-shaped Victorian gabled cottage, representative of a building form and style popularized throughout the United States in the period from 1870 to 1920. Because this building embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type and period, it appears eligible for the National Register under Criterion C.

This particular cottage is not only representative of the L-shaped form, but also of the architectural embellishments influenced by the Queen Anne and transmitted to local builders via publications and pattern books. These features, a filtration of the high style Queen Anne, were readily produced by machine in the late 19th century and applied to modest cottages such as this one. Here, jigsaw brackets, turned posts, sawtoothed bargeboard, and fish-scale shingles add architectural interest to an otherwise simple form. Compared to the more typically altered dwellings throughout central Delaware, the Thompson House stands out for its exceptionally high level of integrity.

The construction of this cottage is attributed to George T. Thompson based upon his period of ownership (1885–1907) which corresponds to the appropriateness of both exterior and interior architectural details. According to state directories and U.S. Census records, George T. Thompson never resided at this cottage, but likely leased it as a tenant house and farm. The property was formerly part of an 88-acre tract that included the subdivision to its south, sold for development in the 1950s, and land on the west side of Dupont Highway, also sold in the 1950s.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Recorder of Deeds, Kent County Courthouse, The Green, Dover, Delaware.

U.S. Census Records, 1900. State Archives, Dover, Delaware.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Smyrna

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state PA

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

     national      state   X   local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date \_\_\_\_\_

Keeper of the National Register

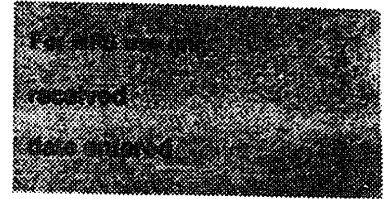
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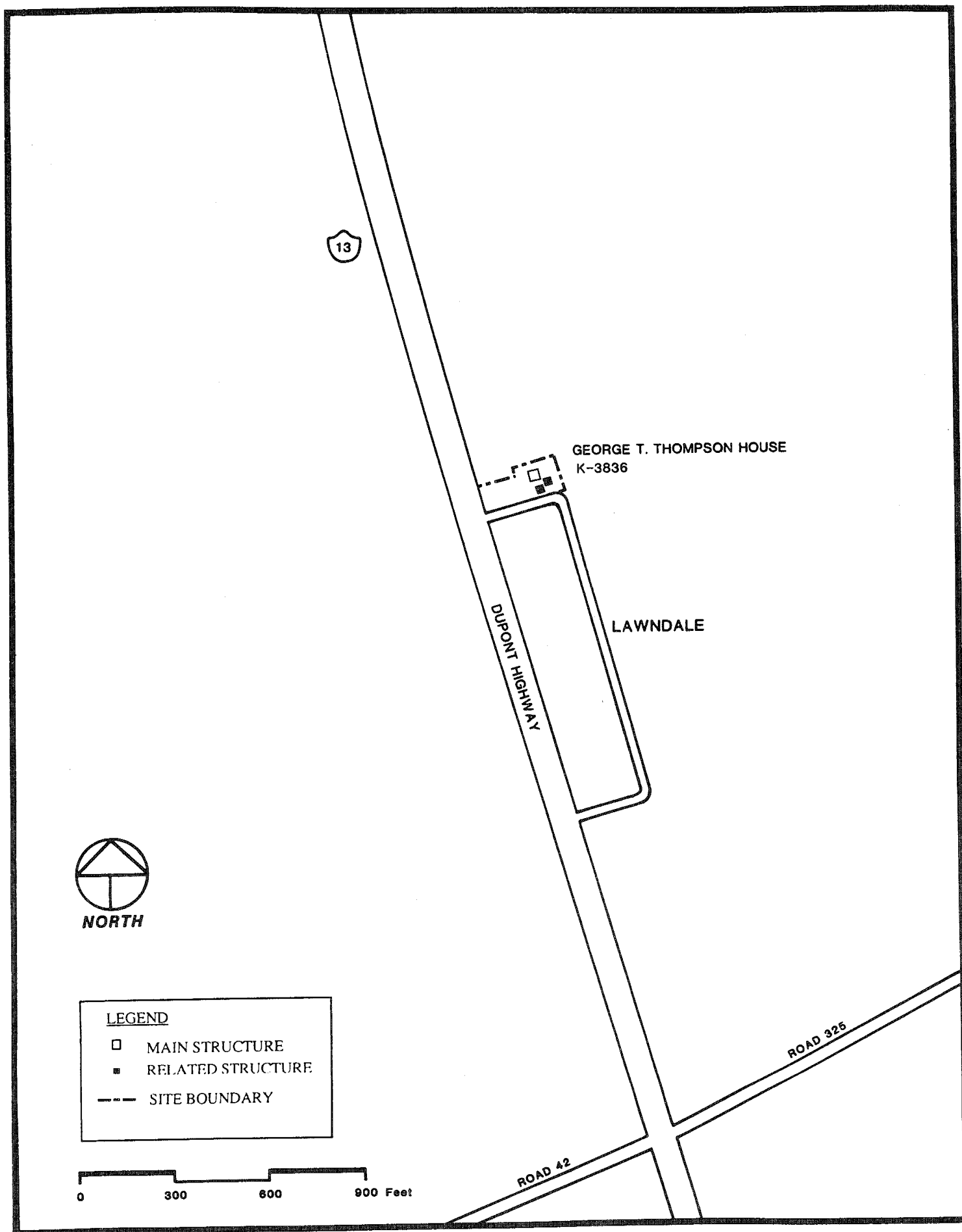


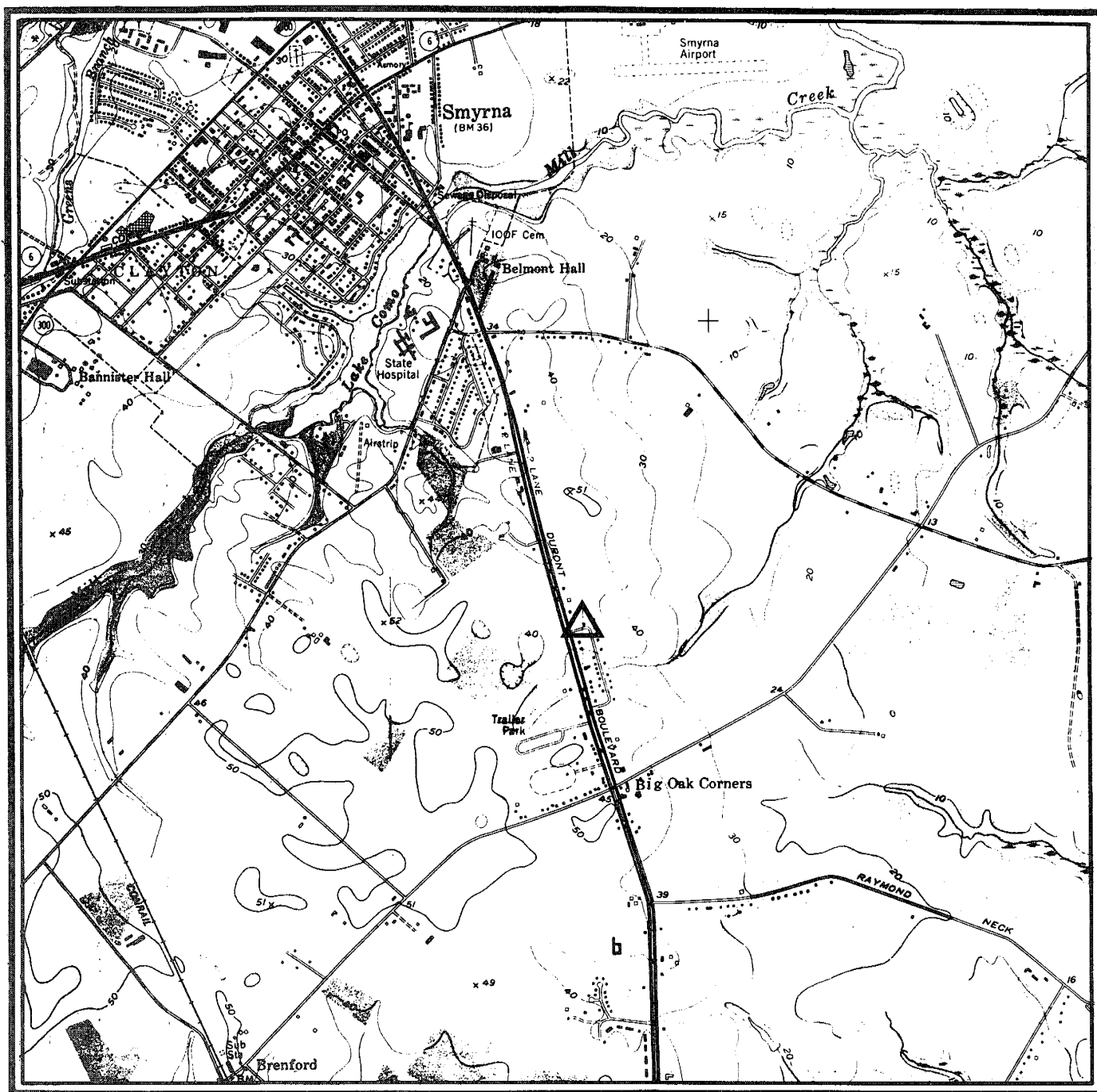
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Beginning at a point located 390 feet east of the center line of Dupont Highway and 125 feet north of North Street, being the northeast corner of the proposed historic boundary; thence, extending south 125 feet to North Street; thence, at 90° extending west 340 feet to the easterly right of way of Dupont Highway; thence, at 90° extending north 100 feet along said right of way to the side property line; thence, at 90° extending east along the side property line 160 feet; thence, at 90° extending north 25 feet; and thence, at 90° extending east 180 feet to the point of beginning.

The proposed historic boundary contains the house and is defined by tax parcel lines except to the rear where sufficient square footage is left to preserve the house; the majority of the land to this property was sold in the 1950s.





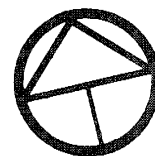
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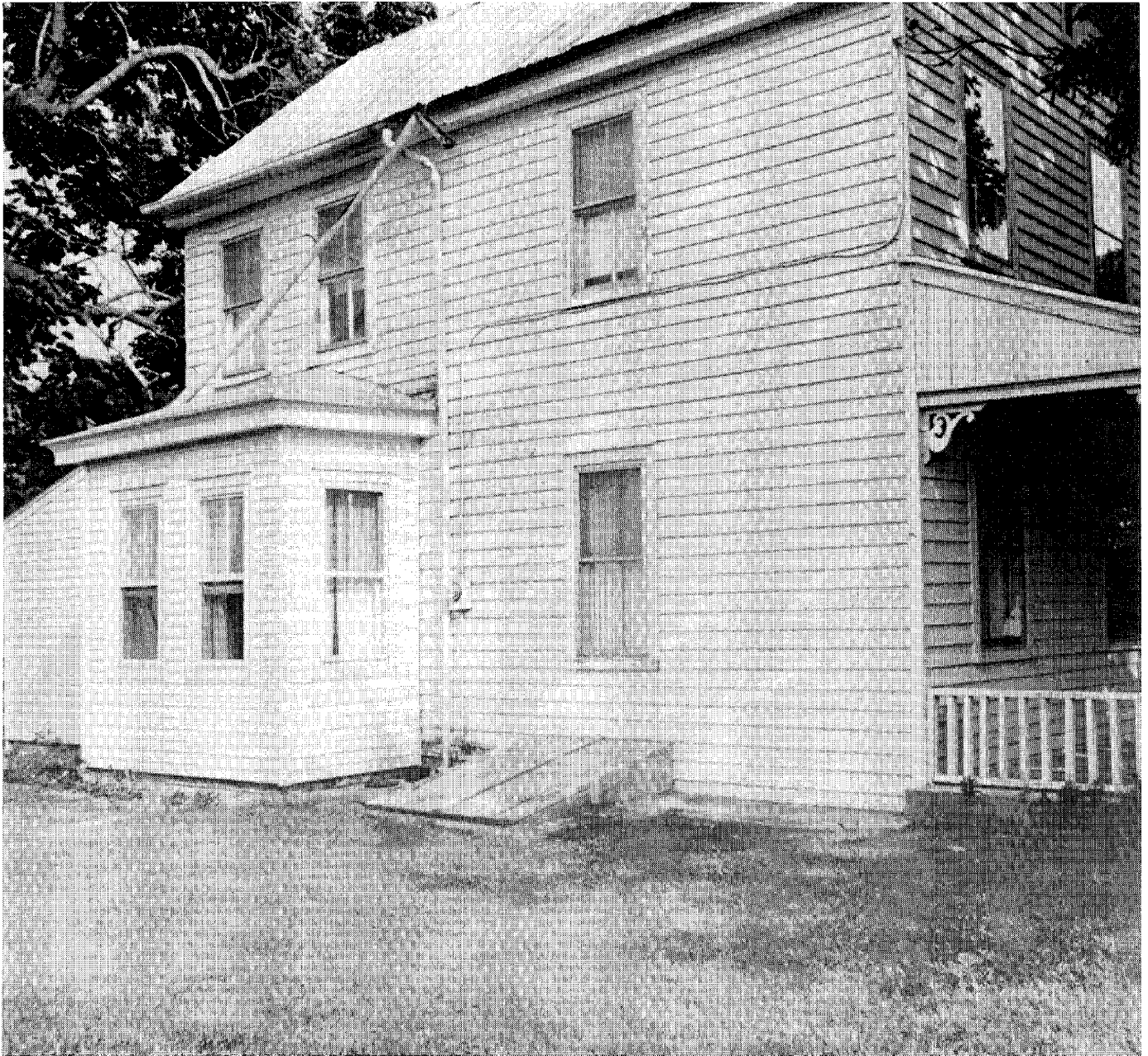
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**Fig. 2-59. George T. Thompson House (K-3836), Main elevation, looking northeast.**



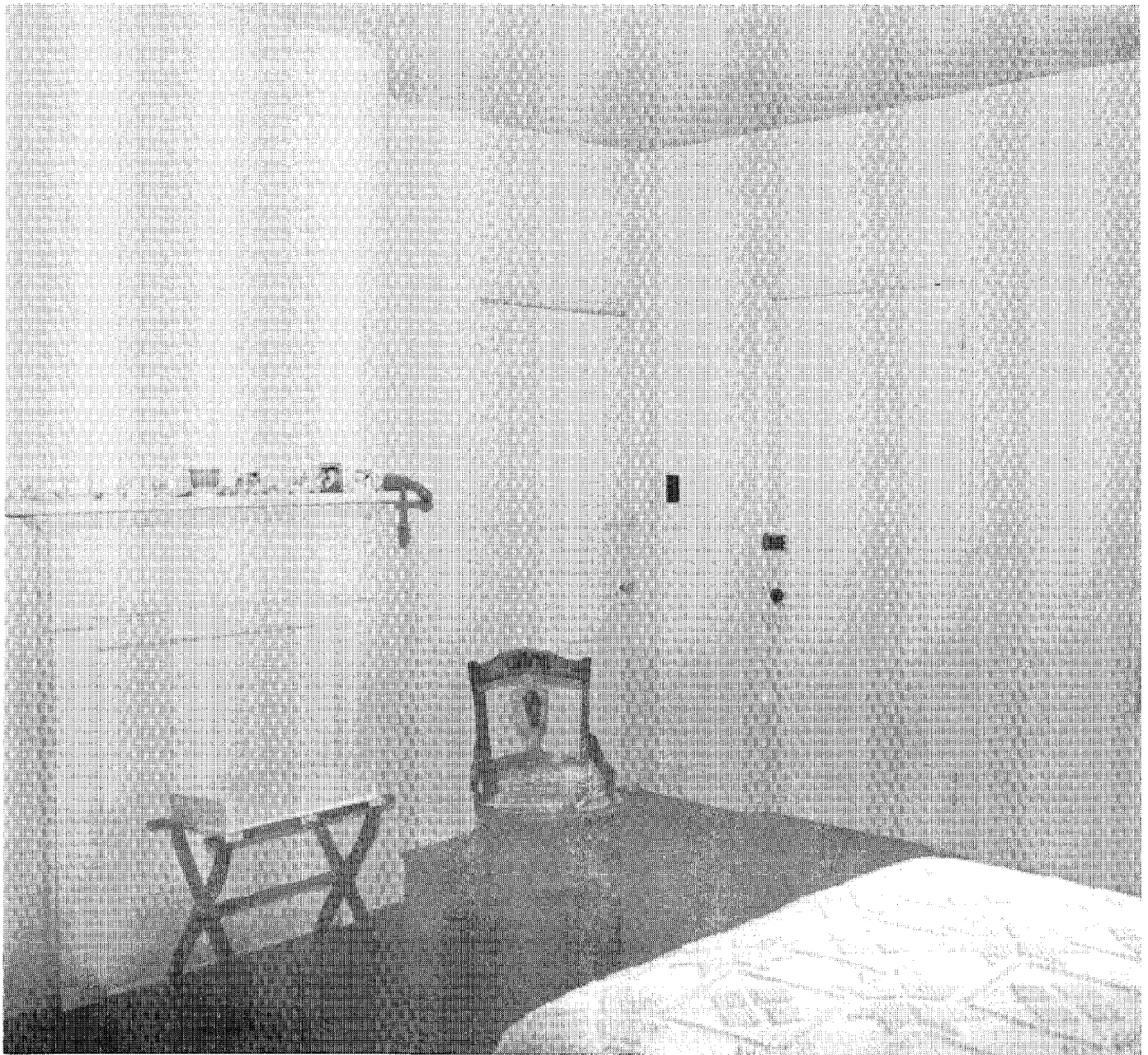
**Fig. 2-60. George T. Thompson House (K-3836), North elevation.**





**Fig. 2-61. George T. Thompson House (K-3836), Side parlor, looking north.**





**Fig. 2-62. George T. Thompson House (K-3836), Front parlor, looking east.**



**Fig. 2-63. George T. Thompson House (K-3836), Second floor front bedroom, looking east.**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections**1. Name**

historic Naudain-Senn House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street &amp; number 171 Road 345 not for publication

city, town Little Creek Hundred ☒ vicinity of Dover

state Delaware code county Kent code

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
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**4. Owner of Property**

name Marvin P. Cosden

street &amp; number 171 Road 345

city, town Dover vicinity of state Delaware

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Recorder of Deeds

street &amp; number Kent County Courthouse, The Green

city, town Dover state Delaware

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**title Delaware Cultural Resource Survey  
K-955has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ nodate ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Delaware Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

city, town Dover state Delaware

## 7. Description

### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved date \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Naudain-Senn house sits perpendicular to Road 345 and is approached by a contemporary asphalt drive to its west. As it exists today, the house is comprised of three sections: north, middle and south. The north and middle sections were constructed in the 18th and 19th centuries; the south section was constructed circa 1971. The north section, constructed of brick masonry, is two stories in height and two registers in width. The 1st floor was built in the mid-18th century; the second floor and roof were constructed after 1868. The first floor west (main) facade is Flemish bond, the north and east facades and the 2nd floor of the west are common bond. The sash is 6/6 double hung on both floors with the exception of the gabled end which has a pair of 4-light casements. The west and east elevations have simple box cornices; the gabled end has plain fascia boards. The roof is gabled and recently was covered with a wood shake roof. There are single leaf doors on the west and east facades with simple surrounds and reveals. The west facade door is a modern board and batten copy of the original. The east door is a contemporary paneled door with multiple lights. Both doors have modern multiple light storm doors.

The middle section was constructed c.1800 and is two stories in height, two registers in width. The west elevation is Flemish bond, the remainder are common bond. The west facade has a brick belt course, while, both the east and west facades feature molded brick cornices. The sash in this section of the house is 9/6 double hung at the first floor, flanked by paneled shutters. The second floor sash is 6/6 double hung. The roof is gabled with an interior end chimney at the north.

The south section was constructed approximately fifteen years ago. This section is of frame construction, two stories in height and three registers in width. The style was adapted from Colonial Tidewater Virginia period houses with a side hall entrance. The present entrance door is a single leaf Greek Revival paneled door with four-light transom. This door and transom were originally in the south gabled wall of the middle section. The east facade has a partially enclosed porch which extends across three-quarters of the first floor of the middle section. The gabled roof of the south section is shingled with modern wood shakes.

The interior of the house was completely renovated in the past fifteen years. The masonry sections retain their simple window and door surrounds. The dining room (1st floor middle section) has an original winder staircase and fireplace surround.

The outbuildings to the south of the house were constructed within the past fifteen years and include a barn, garage and shed. The barn is frame construction with vertical wood siding and corrugated metal roof. The shed is also of frame construction with stalls for horses. The garage is frame with aluminum siding.

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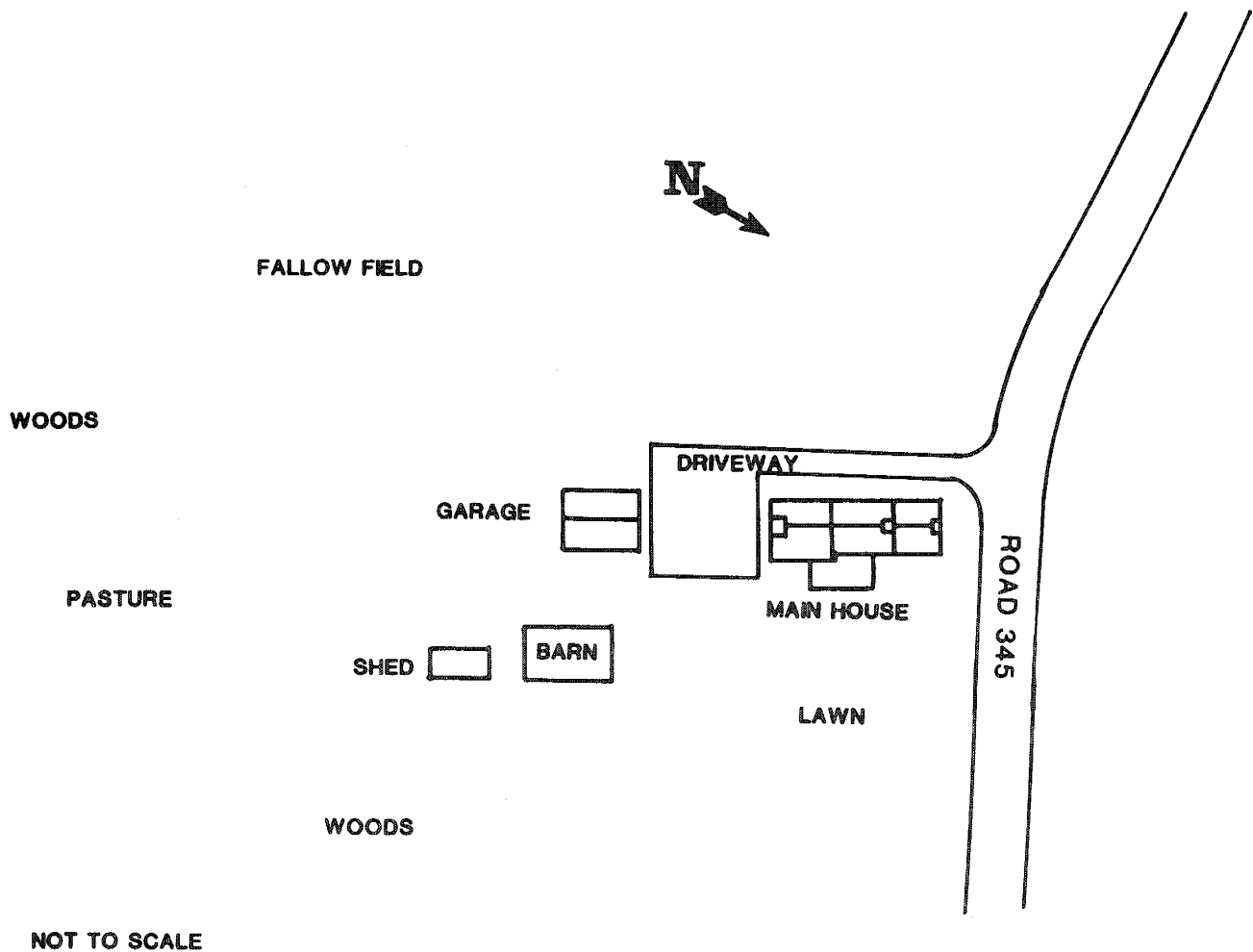
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Specific dates mid-18th century; c. 1800 Builder/Architect unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Naudain-Senn House is an unusual and rare survival of an early brick tenant farmhouse in Kent County. Although extensive deed and archival research has not confirmed the construction date for the first increment of the structure, physical evidence points to a mid-18th century date of construction with an early 19th century addition. Because the Naudain-Senn House stands among the relatively few well-preserved representative examples of its type, period, and building material, it appears eligible for the National Register under Criterion C.

The Naudain-Senn house stands on land that was originally part of a tract called "Steels Woods" which was assembled by Andrew Naudain between 1803 and 1811, amounting to approximately 340 acres. In 1816 Naudain was listed as the largest landowner in Little Creek Hundred.\* Deeds indicate that both before and after Naudain's ownership, the plantation was largely a speculative venture with absentee owners. Naudain's landholdings contained several farm complexes as evidenced by an Orphan's Court inventory of his estate taken in 1820. Several of these complexes list a brick dwelling but it is impossible to correlate the Orphan's Court listing to a specific building standing or now demolished or to a specific tract. It is assumed that given the extent of Naudain's real estate holdings and their value that this house was not occupied by Naudain but by one of his many tenants.

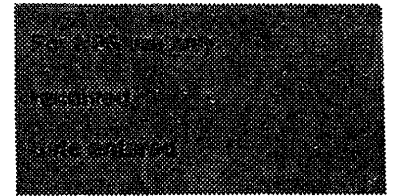
Upon Andrew Naudain's death in 1819 the property was transferred to Ann Naudain Murphy who sold the property to Enoch Duran of Philadelphia in 1837. At the time of the sale, the Murphys were residents of West Town in Chester, Pennsylvania. In 1851 the property changed hands twice, first to William P. Israel, a Philadelphia merchant and later that year to George Morrison Coates a Philadelphia clothing merchant. Thirteen months later in 1853, Coates sold the property to John Jacob Senn "late of the district of the Northern Liberties in Philadelphia, now of Smyrna, farmer."

A survey of the property, in the possession of the current owners of the house, shows the appearance of the Naudain-Senn house in 1868. The survey depicts the house in perspective looking southeast, clearly showing the west facade. At that date, the second floor had not yet been added to the one-story north section. Later in the 19th century, the roof was raised on the north section and the second story was added. Subsequent to the period of significance for this property, a new frame addition based on Colonial Tidewater Virginia details was added to the south circa 1971.



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The Naudain-Senn house stands today as a well-preserved and restored example of an early tenant farmhouse form, representing the type of vernacular architecture found on the large plantations before the era of agricultural reform in the 19th century.

\*J. Thomas Scharf. History of Delaware 1609-1888. Vol. II (Port Washington, N.Y.: Kennikat Press, 1888), p.1118.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Orphan's Court Records, estate inventories of Andrew Naudain. Delaware Museum Commission, Dover, Delaware.  
Pomeroy & Beers. Atlas of the State of Delaware. Philadelphia: 1868.  
Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Delaware 1609-1888. Vol. II. Port Washington, NY: Kennikat Press, 1888. p. 1118.

## 10. Geographical Data

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## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

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As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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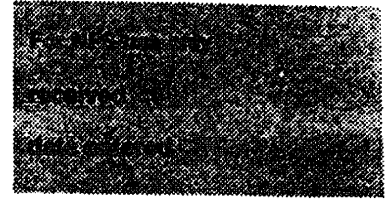
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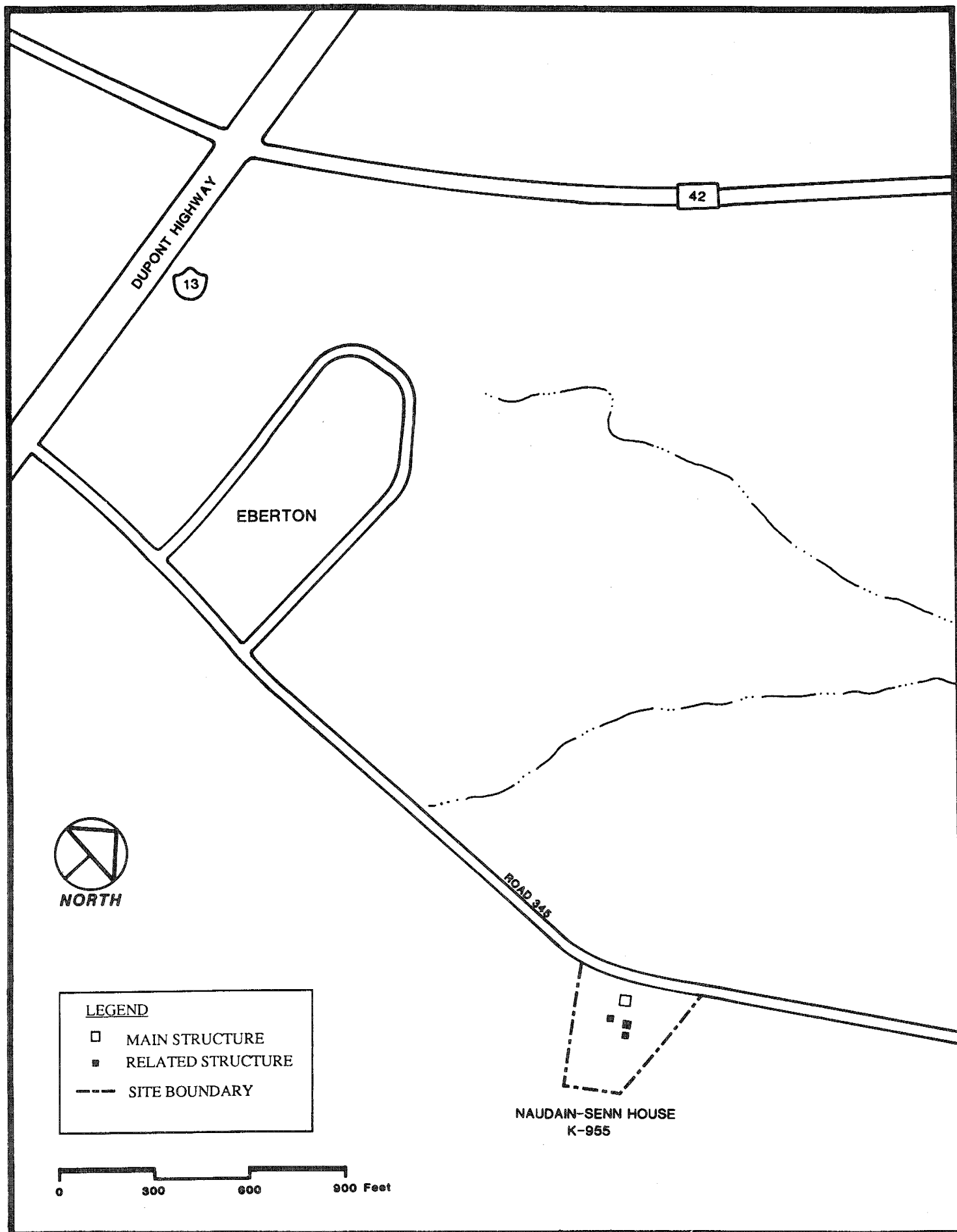
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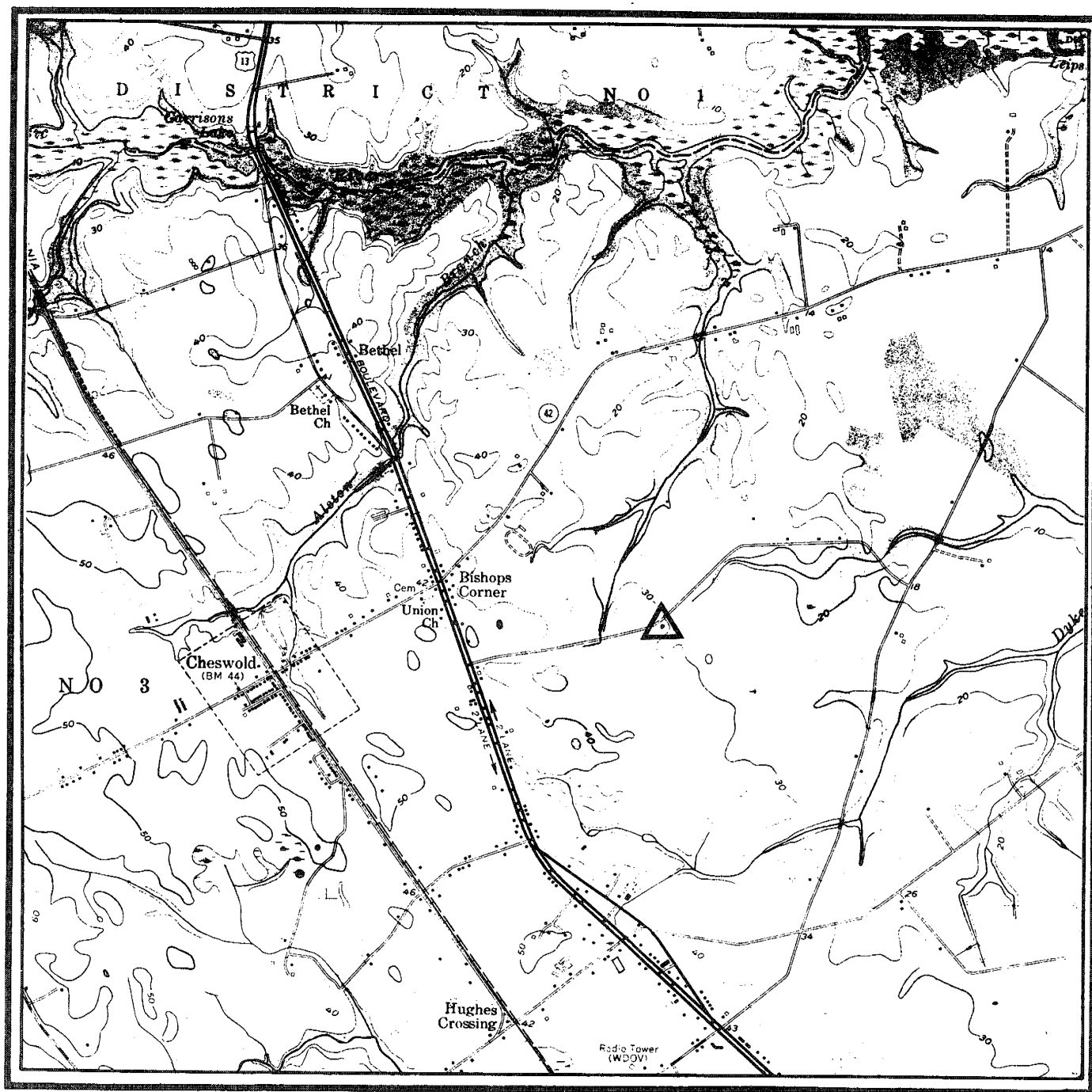
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Beginning at a point along the center line of Dupont Highway located 275 feet southeast of the intersection of the center lines of the Dupont Highway and Road 345 and at 90° northeast 3,675 feet, being the northeast corner of the proposed historic boundary; thence, at 30° south 525 feet along the existing easterly property line; thence, at 118° southwest 230 feet; thence, at 90° northwest 500 feet; and thence, east along the south side of the right of way of Road 345 to the point of beginning of the proposed historic boundary.

The proposed historic boundary contains sufficient acreage (4.4 acres) to preserve the resource and its immediate surrounds.



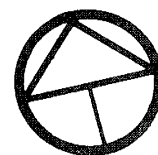


**△ NAUDAIN-SENN HOUSE (K-955)**

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